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SUBJECT: DEATH OF HELENE A. BATJER

REF:STATE 105008

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE HONORABLE CAMERON M. BATJER, 7 CIRCLE DRIVE, CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701 AND TO MRS. JOHN A. WILLIAMS, 15864 VIA SECO, SAN LORENZO, CALIFORNIA 94580 FROM AMBASSADOR MACOMBER:

2. QUOTE: THE WORD CAME TO US YESTERDAY AFTERNOON OF HELENE'S DEATH, AND IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE IMPACT THAT THIS SAD NEWS HAS HAD ON ALL OF US HERE. WE EXPECTED IT, BUT NOT THIS SOON OR THIS SUDDENLY, AND WE HAD BEEN HOPING AGAINST HOPE THAT THE LATEST EFFORTS IN WASHINGTON WOULD TURN THINGS AROUND AND THAT HELENE WOULD BE BACK WITH US SOMETIME LATE IN THE SUMMER. THAT WAS THE HOPE, TOO, OF A GREAT MANY TURKS WHO HAD COME TO SHARE OUR ADMIRATION AND RESPECT FOR HER, EVEN THOUGH SHE HAD BEEN ABLE TO SPEND A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME HERE.

3. I CONSIDER THE DEATH OF THIS GALLANT PERSON A MAJOR LOSS TO THE U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE AND TO OUR COUNTRY. AS A FORMER CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, I HAD A PRETTY GOOD FIX ON OUR OUTSTANDING
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TALENT, AND I HAVE LONG REGARDED IN THE PRESENT ERA. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO INCREASE THE USE OF WOMEN OFFICERS IN POSITIONS OF TOP RESPONSIBILITY IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND HELEN'S PERFORMANCE, WIDELY RESPECTED THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE, WAS ONE OF THE BEST ARGUMENTS I HAD. SHE WOULD MOST CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN AN AMBASSADOR IN HER NEXT POST AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN ONE

BEFORE NOW. THERE IS NO WAY WE ARE GOING TO REPLACE HER
IN ISTANBUL. SHE WAS THE BEST CONSUL GENERAL I HAVE
EVER SEEN THERE, AND I HAVE BEEN VISITING THAT POST
FOR A GREAT MANY YEARS, LONG BEFORE I CAME HERE AS
AMBASSADOR.

4. FINALLY, AND QUITE APART FROM PROFESSIONAL CONSIDER-
ATIONS, ALL OF US FEEL WE HAVE LOST A PERSONAL FRIEND
FOR WHOM WE HAD THE GREATEST AFFECTION. MY WIFE PHYLLIS
AND I FEEL THIS PERSONAL LOSS VERY SPECIALLY AND VERY
DEEPLY, AND SHE JOINS ME AND ALL OUR EMBASSY COLLEAGUES IN
SENDING OUR MOST HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND TO ALL OF
HELENE'S FAMILY. SINCERELY, BILL MACOMBER. END QUOTE.
MACOMBER

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